

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-20 and 22 are pending.

Claim 3 is cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claim 21 was previously cancelled.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, that claims 3-10 and 14 contain allowable subject matter and that claims 18 and 19 are allowed.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The rejection of claims 1-2, 11-13, 15-17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Langley et al. (2004/0054328) is traversed.

In the Office Action, claims 3-10 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended herein to include the features of claim 3, and claim 3 is cancelled. Therefore, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 11-13, 16, 17 and 20 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and, therefore, are also in condition for allowance. Claim 15 is amended herein to include the features of claim 3 and, therefore, is also in condition for allowance.

VI. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Langley et al. (2004/0054328) is traversed. Claim 22 depends from claim 1 which is now in condition for allowance and, therefore, claim 22 is considered to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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